

The **U.S. Small Business Administration** and the **Small Business Development Center Network** continue their audio/video training series to assist businesses find success in today's challenging environment.

## **SURVIVE AND THRIVE SMALL BUSINESS EDUCATION SERIES ON THE AMERICAN RECOVERY & REINVESTMENT ACT**

The two-part **no cost** ReadyTalk\*sessions will provide information pertinent to small business owners, economic development professionals and commercial lenders. All that is needed to participate is a computer with internet access and a phone to call a toll free 800 number.

**SESSION ONE – Recovery Act Small Business Provisions & Tax Incentives** is scheduled for April 23, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. CST. Federal and state agencies scheduled to be present and some of the topics they will be discussing include:

- Department of Labor – Hiring Credits
- Governor's Office of Economic Development – State Stimulus Money
- Internal Revenue Service – Tax Incentives
- Small Business Administration – Fee Eliminations and Loan Changes
- United States Department of Agriculture – Loan Programs

**SESSION TWO – Recovery Act Contracting Opportunities** is scheduled for May 7, 2009, at 10:00 CST. Presentations on when and where the stimulus money will be used and how to find information on projects will be given by the:

- City of Rapid City
- City of Sioux Falls
- State of South Dakota
- Procurement and Technical Assistance Center
- Small Business Administration

\*The ReadyTalk system is a call-in and website login system, which enables us to provide an audio presentation over the phone and a video presentation over the internet. Lines are extremely limited so **call 605.330.4243 and press 0 to register NOW!** Registration closes one day prior to each session.